BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE

DECISION TO APPROVE A REVISION TO A LARGE MINING AND RECLAMATION

PLAN FOR HOLNAM, INCORPORATED'S

DEVIL'S SLIDE MINE

MORGAN, COUNTY, UTAH

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE

DECISION TO APPROVE

NO. M/029/001

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, AND SECTIONS 18 AND 19, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, SLBM, MORGAN COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve a revision to a Large Mining Operations Notice of Intention for Holnam, Incorporated's Devil's Slide Mine. Mining activities will affect the following area: portions of the Southeast 1/4 Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 3 East; portions of the Southwest 1/4 Section 18; and portions of the Northwest 1/4 Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Township 4 North, Range 4 East SLBM, Morgan County, Utah.

Holnam, Incorporated has submitted a permit revision to expand their existing large mining project. The operator will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 184.5 additional acres of private and federal land.

During Operations:

The waste dump will be constructed in stages so that when the first stage is completed, reclamation can begin while subsequent stages are being developed. The operator will pre-strip and stockpile available topsoil from the first stage prior to placement of waste rock material. Topsoil from subsequent stages will be stripped and respread on the previous stage. Adequate drainage control, using best management practices, will be constructed and maintained during operations. The area is under control of the operator and appropriate warning signs will be placed in areas of public access.

After Operations:

All disturbed areas will be shaped to blend into surrounding terrain, will have topsoil replaced and will be seeded with the approved seed mix. Ten inches of topsoil will be replaced over all disturbed areas. The use of fertilizer or other soil amendments is not anticipated; however, the operator will test soils prior to respreading and add appropriate amendments if needed.

The person representing the company is Mr. Ken George; Phone (801) 829-2153. Holnam, Incorporated is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 9th day of October, 2001

STATE OF UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

Lowell P. Braxton

Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Tentative Decision to Approve the Large Mining Notice of Intention for Holnam Incorporated's Devil's Slide Mine project, M/029/001 to be sent via facsimile, electronic mail, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, the grade day of October, 2001 to:

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